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**Labeling of prepackaged substances used  
In food products industry**

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### **Foreword**

GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) is a regional Organization which consists of the National Standards Bodies of GCC member States. One of GSO main functions is to issue Gulf Standards /Technical regulations through specialized technical committees (TCs).

GSO through the technical program of committee TC No.:(5) " Gulf technical committee for standards of food and agriculture products " has prepared the GSO Standard No. GSO .... /2011 . Labeling of prepackaged substances used in food products industry  
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## **Labeling of prepackaged substances used In food products industry**

### **1-Scope and field of application:**

This Gulf Standard is concerned with labeling of prepackaged substances used in food products industry, and not fit for directly human consumption, and specifies the requirements relating to the presentation method therefore.

### **2-Complementary Standards:**

2.1 GSO 1018: "General requirements for storage, transport and handling of edible oils in bulk".

2.2 GSO 1916: "Dates in bulk".

2.3 GSO 1310: "Glucose syrup".

### **3-Definitions:**

#### **3.1 Label:**

Any statement, brand, mark, pictorial or any other descriptive matter whether written, printed / impressed or stuck on the container of a foodstuff or attached thereto, in such a manner as not to be removable.

#### **3.2 Labeling:**

Includes any marking, imaging or graphic matter that is present on the label associated with the qualities, components or nutritional characteristics of a food product, or with its nature, preparation, consumption or any other properties thereof.

#### **3.3 Substances used in food product industry:**

Any substances whether processed, semi-processed or unprocessed which is not intended for human consumption, use in processing, preparing and treatment food products, include food additives, and found in the final product, although in modified form, and does not include cosmetics, perfumes, tobacco or any other substance used only as drugs.

#### **3.4 Container:**

Any material in which a foodstuff is prepackaged to be delivered for sale as a separate individual unit, whether by completely or partially wrapping the food. It may enclose several units or types of wrappings when such is offered to the consumer.

### **4-General requirements:**

4.1 A prepackaged substance shall not be described or presented on any label or in any labeling whether by words, pictorial or any other medium which refer to or are suggestive either directly or indirectly of any other substance, with which such

substance might be confused ; or by such a manner as to lead the purchaser or consumer to suppose that this substance is connected with the other product .

4.2 A prepackaged substance shall not be described or presented on any label or in any labeling in a manner that is false, deceptive; or is likely to entail an erroneous Impression regarding its or characteristics in any respect .

4.3 Any substance used for food products industry shall not offer directly for consumers.

## **5. MANDATORY LABELLING ON PREPACKAGES OF SUBSTANCES USED FOR FOOD PRODUCTS HNDUSTRY:**

### **5.1 Name of the substance:**

5.1.1 The name of prepackaged substance shall identify and the true nature of the food and shall normally be specific and not generic.

5.1.2 In the case of the prepackaged substance containing from more than one component, the name of these components shall be written in descending according to their ratio presence, the name of the biggest ratio component shall be written first, then the component in less ratio and so like.

5.1.3 The statement “use in food products industry” shall be written on the label.

### **5.2 Guidelines of keeping and using:**

The suitable information shall be written on the label of the substances used in food products industry to declare the method of keeping and the guidelines for using.

### **5.3 Net contents:**

5.3.1 The net contents shall be declared in metric system.

5.3.2 For liquid contents: the net contents shall be declared by volume.

5.3.3 For solid contents: the net contents shall be declared by weight.

5.3.4 For semi-solid or viscous contents: the net contents shall be declared by volume or by weight.

5.3.5 For contents in tablet forms: the net contents shall be declared by weight or by numbers of tablets in the container.

### **5.4 Name and address:**

The name and address of the manufacturer, packer, distributor, importer, exporter or vendor shall be declared.

**5.5 Country of origin:**

5.5.1 The country of origin of the food shall be declared on the food containers if its omission would mislead or deceive the consumer about the item , especially in the case of repacking.

5.5.2 When a foodstuff undergoes processing in a second country which may probably change its fundamental nature, the country where the processing has taken place shall be considered as the country of origin for labeling purposes.

**5.6 Genetic modified substances or irradiated substances:**

5.6.1 The labeling of substances used in food products industry which has been subjected to genetic modified or ionizing radiation ,shall be declare this with written and International Symbols in close proximity to the substance name.

5.6.2 It shall be declaring this with written and International Symbols on the products processed from these substances.

**5.7 Production date and expiry date:**

Without prejudice to what mentioned in Gulf Standard concerned with Expiry date for food products for substances used in food products industry:

5.7.1 Companies for manufacturers producing substances used in food products industry shall be specify the actually expiry periods for these substances as follows:

5.7.1.1 for substances with a minimum durability less than three months (day-month-year) in non-coded manner.

5.7.1.2 For substances with a minimum durability more than three months (month-year) in non-coded manner.

**5.8 Any chemical treatments which has been carried out on the substances used in food *products industry*.****5.9 The purposes from using.****5.10 Food additives in descending order.****6. Presentation of mandatory information:****6.1 General requirements:**

6.1.1 The information on the label of substances used in food products industry shall be

clear and easily legibly under the normal conditions.

6.1.2 The labels shall be placed in a manner not allow to irremovable from the containers.

6.1.3 Any illegal or unauthorized nomenclature, terminology, coding, pictorial...etc, shall not be used.

6.1.4 The label shall not contain any chemicals or so, the ink used therein shall not be oozing .

## **6.2 Language:**

6.2.1 The labeling on the label of substances used in food products industry shall be in Arabic language.

6.2.2 Where another language is used, it shall be alongside the Arabic.

6.2.3 If the Arabic information is stated in a supplementary sticker adjacent to the original label , the following shall be met:-

6.2.3.1 It shall be a single sticker provided by the manufacture only, to fulfill all the relevant stipulations provided in this standard..

6.2.3.2 It shall not obscure any information required by this standard.

6.2.3.3 It shall not contain any statement discrepant with the original labeling.

6.2.3.4 It shall be irremovable in the ordinary handling and circulation conditions of these products.

6.2.3.5 It is not allow putting another sticker for production and expiry dates.

## **7. OPTIONAL LABELLING:**

7.1 Additional statements, pictorial or graphic matters may be either written impressed or photographed on the label, provided that they shall neither contradict with mandatory labeling method , nor contain any medicinal or therapeutic declaration, or breach the provisions of this standard.

7.2 When marking the product grade declaration it shall be legibly understandable and not entail deception or misleading in any way.

7.3 If the foodstuff consists of two ingredients or more, the class name of the main ingredient may be listed with the rest of ingredients in a descending sequence by weight (m/m); but an ingredient with the proportion of less than 5% of the foodstuff shall not be included in the list of ingredients.

